

Who Should be King?





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Task:

One of the biggest decisions that the Witan has ever had to take is who to make king when the old king dies. Think about the factors and the four candidates. Then give your decision, and your reasons.

Factors:

- The decision as to who should be king lies with the Witan.
- You have to think about members of the Royal Family first, but you do not have to give the crown to one of them.
- You want England to be at peace.
- It looks as if several people might try to take the crown by force.

Candidate	Reasons For	Reasons Against
 Edgar Aetheling		
 Harald Hardrada		
 William of Normandy		
 Harold Godwinson		

Decision of the Witan: